

A PERSONAL NOTE: Many thanks for all the Christmas cards. May all of us gain more in '74.

DATES: I am still looking for the correct dates for the following SUSPENSE: Sequel to Murder with Whitfield Connors... Misfire with W Conrad... Shipment of Mute Fate with Jack Kelly... The Murduress with Cathy Lewis... Rim of Terror with Barbara Whiting... On a Country Road with Harry Bartel.


DEATHS: Allie Wrubel, Dec 14, 68. Allie composed such songs as Zippadee Doo Dah, Lady in Red and Music Maestro Please... Tex Ritter, Jan 2, 67. Tex appeared in such radio shows as Bobby Benson, Lone Ranger, Death Valley Days, Tex Ritter's Campfire. His recording of High Noon was a classic.

Robert Ellis died at the age of forty on Nov. 24th. Mr. Ellis played the teen-ager Henry Aldrich in the radio and television series and received a special certificate in 1948 for his preformance as a child actor. Ellis, boyish-looking, portrayed the 17-year-old character Aldrich in the series made famous by the opening lines, "Henry... Henry Aldrich... Coming mother." He was 23 at the time... "He had a real baby face," said Ellis's mother, Anna F. Bloomfield. Ellis won a special citation from the academy of motion picture arts and sciences in 1948 for his performance in the film "April Showers," with Jack Carson... He appeared in 50 films. At the time of his death, Ellis was the president of Tellet Communications, a company producing educational films.

PUBLICATIONS, ACTIVITIES: Mary Jane Higby has an article in the Christian Science Monitor for 12/19/73. Could someone send me a copy? ... James O'Neal, Ed Corcoran, and myself appeared on an interview program on WTNH TV, Channel 8 in New Haven on Dec 27th. There was discussion about old-time radio and excerpts were played... A close friend of Don Brush has about 30 antique radios which she must dispose of in the near future, partly due to the recent death of her husband. If there is anyone who could arrange to take them AND PRESERVE THEM please let me know. We don't want them taken to an antique store but rather kept in a museum or similar place... John Farkas of Highland, Indiana had ~~to~~ excellent articles about his collection in the local high school paper and the Times Local. He is night custodian at Highland High School has many band recordings and often plays radio programs over the sound system of the high school...

CATALOGS: Richard Arnold, Box 51, Tipton, Mo 65081; 4778-6249; LONGINES SYMPHONETTE, GULF SPRAY PRESENTS, CISCO KID, LUM AND ABNER, DANGER DR. DANFIELD, FRONTIER FIGHTERS, HOUR OF CHARM... Dr. Steve Morenc, 102 Park St, Santurce, P Rico 00911; 2739-2822; 2 hour tribute to Vic and Sade, new QUIET PLEASE (The Pathetic Fallacy 2/2/48) and MYSTERIOUS TRAVELER, Queen of the Cats 6/16/48.

LOGS AND RELISTINGS: Bing Crosby, The Cremo Singer; complete log from November 1931-February 1932. You will find no more thoroughly researched information about Bing Crosby anywhere. It lists every song on the show, letters from Bing, cross indexed song list. Well recommended. Send \$2.50 to Larry Kiner, 7554 132nd Ave NE, Kirkland, Wash 98033

 \$4.50 is due for another year

PERSONALITIES: Jack Benny has been denied a tax break of \$156,000 for the memorabilia he donated to UCLA. The IRS rejected the contribution because it wasn't established he owned the material. Included were radio and TV scripts, radio recordings, television shows and tapes.

TAPE DECK: Fred Dickey, Box 1466, Sequim, Wa 98382 has had trouble with tape running up off the capstan. He has a Sony 355 and 252 and both are doing it. This happens with all brands of tape. Write Fred if you can help him and others.

MAILING: Postal rates are not going up until March first instead of Jan 6th as originally said.

LET THE BUYER BEWARE: I have received quite a bit of mail concerning Virgil James. They complain of very slow delivery of his magazine or no delivery at all. It is probable that Virgil, being a one man operation, has too much to handle. I have talked to him and he seems very sincere. In all fairness to my subscribers, however, I have to pass this information along.

NEW ADDRESSES: Randy Eidemiller, 2448 Marseilles Way, Costa Mesa, Cal 92627

HERE AND THERE: New Friends; R. Dean, 595 E Costilla Ave, Littleton, Col 80122...Donald Nettleton Jr, RD 1 Box 524, Jordan, NY 13080 ...Don has about 1000 shows and a number of TV soundtracks. He is also interested in opera having over 400 works...Martin Plascak, Rt 25 Box 421, Terre Haute, Ind 47832...Arthur Groth, Bristol Eastern High School, 632 King St, Bristol, Ct 06010...John Schneider, 1315 12th Ave #7, Greeley, Col 80631. John is director of program development at the University of Northern Colorado and has about 500 shows. He is interested in World War II, news, educational radio...Bob Wallenberg, 3523 SW Ida, Seattle, Wash 98126. Bob is interested in OUR MISS BROOKS, FT LARAMIE, FRONTIER GENTLEMAN, HAVE GUN WILL TRAVEL and GUNSMOKE... Richard Ferris, 1317 Seymour Ave, Utica, NY 13501. Richard has about 300 shows...

Old Friends: Ray Nemec, 1631 Carol St, Downers Grove, Ill 60515 is looking for part 2 of the following: FAMOUS TRIALS #15 Find the Victim...#16 The Key to the Case...#11 High Treason...#12 Portrait of a Traitor.....Ron Sharon will be unable to trade radio shows for the next few months...Harold Cox, 552 Plumas Ave, Oroville, Cal 95965 is very interested in YOUR HIT PARADE. He has also read W C FIELDS BY HIMSELF by Ronald J Fields. It contains some radio and movie scripts. ..Bill Anthony, 1684 Beryl Dr, Pittsburgh, Pa 15227 is now trading again. He has 4000 shows and will exchange catalogs with those who show a resume of each show, dates, stars, sound quality and other relevant information...John Frakas, 9645 5th St, Highland, Ind 46322 is looking for radio program ads and dance band ads...

NEW PROGRAMS: In or soon to be in my collection: SUSPENSE: Catch Me if you can 2/17/49..I Never Met the Dead Man 1/5/50..Track of the Cat 2/18/52 (from Randy Eidemiller) Also from him LIGHTS OUT: Scoop ...CRIME CLUB 7/24/47 with Raymond Edward Johnson; "Serenade Macabre." ..QUIET PLEASE: The Pathetic Fallacy 2/2/48..THE MYSTERIOUS TRAVELER Queen of the Cats 6/16/48..LADY ESTHER SCREEN GUILD PLAYERS: Why Jack Benny will not Appear in the Program Tonight 3/27/44 with Benny, B Stanwick, B Rathbone (from Dr. Steve Moreno)...TIMID SOUL, RENFREW OF THE MOUNTED, HEADLINE HUNTERS (from Don Brush through Walter Smith)

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: WFBL-AM; 1390; Syracuse; CBS Radio Mystery Theater; 11-12 PM daily. Other stations carrying it are WOR in New York City 7-8 PM and WINF in Manchester, Ct AM-1230; 11-12 PM...WONO-FM 107.9; Syracuse; Sat. Jan 26th starts THE PLAY OF THE MONTH (BBC) 8:00 PM 3 hours long...2 more stations carrying Mystery Theater are WIBX-AM 950 in Utica, NY and WHCU-FM 97.3 in Ithaca, NY both 10-11 PM... KFLS-AM 1450 in Klamath Falls, Ore from 7-8 on Wed. plays various shows.

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A THOUGHT from Franklyn Belcour...In looking around for some kind of a farewell remembrance for 2 of my friends who are taking a long Asian trip, I hit upon the idea of making up a cassette with their friends saying goodbye and wishing them Bon Voyage. I know a lot of their friends throughout the country and I phoned these people and taped their farewells. I then put them all together on a cassette which I presented to my friends. They were amazed. I had about 45 persons plus musical interludes. For example I played a recording from a broadcast from a friend of theirs from December 1933 playing his theme song with his orchestra. I then switched to his Bon Voyage of December 1973. I did that sort of thing several times. If anybody wants to do something like this with their friends, there are unlimited possibilities.

REGENT CARTOONS AND OLD RADIO by Dr. Arthur A. Delaney...Radio is alive and well when one sees references to it in normally unexpected places. Recently there appeared in the local press here three comic strips that had a direct reference to yesterday's radio. Many HELLO AGAIN readers are probably familiar with the "Wizard of Id" that is nationally syndicated by Field Enterprises. The particular sequence of three frames referred to centered about Id's famed Wizard. In the first panel the viewer sees Wizard's wife at the castle entrance. She is saying "...and furthermore never darken my door again." The door slams in the second frame as the Wizard asks: "Who was that?" His wife is seen in final panel replying simply: "Lamont Cranston." It is most gratifying to any old-time radio buff to realize that Margo's man-about-town is a recurring household name in the 1970's. This can be attributed to the many Shadow re-runs. A few years ago Lamont Cranston was an unknown, although a generation prior he was known to all. Just as he has the ability to become invisible, he also has the power to rise phoenix-like from the ashes of time..."The Born Loser" is a comic strip whose creator must have more than a passing interest in yesterday's radio. In one strip, syndicated by NEA we find the Loser in his attic accompanied by his young son. "That's a radio, my boy...the television of my youth." remarks the Loser. "Wow...Neat-O." replies his son. In the second frame the boy inquires: "Where's the picture screen." "There isn't one," exclaims the Loser. In the final panel his son asks: "What did you watch while you were listening." The Loser replies with a dumb "Uh..." Of course, those who remember radio know well that they were "Watching" the most vivid picture possible, that which can be created only by one's own imagination...A month later the Born Loser returned to the theme of vintage radio. He is seen sitting in his living room listening to an old cathedral-like radio. From the set comes "...and now, from Frank Daley's Meadowbrook, we bring you the music of Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra..." The radio continues in the second panel "...featuring Frank Sinatra, Jo Stafford and the Pied Pipers." as the Loser's wife asks: "What are you doing." He replies nonchalantly in the final frame with: "Listening to this old radio I found up in the attic." Oh. But if it were only possible.

LATE NEWS AND TIDBITS: Donald Ball, Jan 7, 69. Mr. Ball was an announcer over CBS Radio including such shows as the New York Philharmonic, Benny Goodman, Paul Whiteman, Glenn Miller, early Bing Crosby... Irna Phillips, Dec 23rd, 72. Miss Phillips was one of the most prolific writers for radio and TV soap operas including TV As the World Turns and RADIO: Today's Children, Road of Life, Guiding Light, Right to Happiness, Young Dr. Malone, Woman in White. Her first soap opera PAINTED DREAMS, started in 1930 on station WGN in Chicago. It was the story of Mother Monahan, a widow, and her daughter. Miss Phillips, who had begun her radio career as an actress, portrayed the mother, and Irene Wicker, the daughter. Miss Phillips wrote the television's first soap opera, THESE ARE MY CHILDREN which was introduced on NBC in 1949.

... RAY STANICH, 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11201 has designed & built a selectable Notch Filter for 50/60/100/120/200/240 Hz frequencies. He has written an article describing the unit, Complete with schematics, formulas, parts list and a graph of the notches. This article can be obtained from ME for a SASE. Ray also has a color slide showing the exposed inside layout for 50%. Send to Ray for the slide. Ray will be willing to align any unit (using the elaborate test set-up at the laboratory where he works) for the cost of shipping the unit by mail. He will also assist in advising the proper values required for tape recorder impedances other than the ones he used (15K into the unit/75K load on the output), if one will send him the values for the recorders one is using. The filter not only reduces hum by a factor of 200:1 (-46 db), but also reduces bassiness on the 240Hz position. The cost for parts is \$15-20.

Ray also has an up-dated log of ARCH OBOLERS PLAYS 1939-40 when it was on NBC. Send a SASE... Len Lawson, 1206 Notre Dame Ct, Livermore, Cal 94550 is having great success with his lending library, primarily for those with small collections. Write for details. He also carries the full line of Scotch and Capitol tape and accessories, including cassettes and cartridges. Prices for reel tape: SCOTCH: 228-R60 \$2.00 in lots of 12, \$1.90 for 48... 229-R90; \$3.00 for 12, \$2.90 for 48... CAPITOL: 1200' \$1.40 for 12, \$1.28 for 48... 1800' \$1.65 for 12, \$1.53 for 48... HIGH FIDELITY: 1200' \$1.15 for 12, \$1.05 for 48... Time Magazine, Jan 7, 74 had a very interesting article on old-time radio and a 2-page ad on page one and two for the CBS Radio Mystery Theater.

... Let me know if you are taping the show so I can advise my readers. Some may not be able to get it... Tony Schafer, 162 Bridgeport Rd East, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada N2J 2K4... Robert Saul, 976 Lorraine Ave, Union, NJ 07083... CATALOGS: Allan Walker, 5770 Freeport Blvd #8, Sacramento, Cal 95822; 675 shows; well printed... Joe Riesselman, Box 58, East Dubuque, Ill 52001; reels 98-178... Walter Smith, 3925-49th Ave No, St. Petersburg, Fla 33714. Many shows from discs including BELIEVE IT OR NOT, TIMID SOUL, RENFREW OF THE MOUNTED, many spots and news, etc... Mike McAviney, 94 Pala Ave, San Jose, Cal 95127 plans to start a weekly program of old radio shows for the visually handicapped of Santa Clara County. It is to be sponsored by the San Jose Parks and Recreation Dept with federal funds. To get funds it needs the following information on sessions given elsewhere. 1. How session was set up; where and when. 2. Details of research testing if any 3. kind of publicity used 4. outcome of session and response of participants 5. Who were the participants. If you have taught classes to anyone please send above information to Mike... That's it for January. Take it slow and easy and keep radio alive... Write if you get work and hang by your thumbs.